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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application, setting a shortened statutory period for reply expiring September 4, 2003 and extended one month to October 4, 2003 (which is a Saturday).

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